

SENATE BILL 547 (LRB -4094)

An Act to amend 49.45 (6m) (ar) 1. a. of the statutes; relating to: requiring the Department of Health and Family Services to treat 4 counties as one labor region for purposes of Medical Assistance nursing home reimbursement. (FE)

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02-22.	S.	Introduced by Senator Schultz ; cosponsored by Representatives Freese and Albers .	
02-02.	S.	Read first time and referred to committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care	574
02-08.	S.	Public hearing held.	
02-21.	S.	Fiscal estimate received.	
02-22.	S.	Executive action taken.	
02-23.	S.	Report passage recommended by committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care, Ayes 5, Noes 0	619
02-23.	S.	Available for scheduling.	
02-23.	S.	Placed on calendar 2-28-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.	
02-28.	S.	Read a second time.	
02-28.	S.	Ordered to a third reading.	
02-28.	S.	Rules suspended.	
02-28.	S.	Read a third time and passed .	
02-28.	S.	Ordered immediately messaged.	
03-02.	A.	Received from Senate	880
03-02.	A.	Read first time and referred to committee on Aging and Long-Term Care	881
03-07.	A.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, Ayes 7, Noes 2	908
03-07.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules	908
03-07.	A.	Placed on calendar 3-9-2006 by committee on Rules.	
03-07.	A.	Made a special order of business at 10:58 A.M. on 3-9-2006 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 51	933
03-09.	A.	Read a second time	940
03-09.	A.	Ordered to a third reading	940
03-09.	A.	Rules suspended	940
03-09.	A.	Read a third time and concurred in , Ayes 61, Noes 30	940
03-09.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged	941
03-10.	S.	Received from Assembly concurred in.	

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February 2, 2006 - Introduced by Senator SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives FREESE and ALBERS. Referred to Committee on Health, Children, Families, Aging and Long Term Care.

- 1 **AN ACT to amend** 49.45 (6m) (ar) 1. a. of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring the
2 Department of Health and Family Services to treat 4 counties as one labor
3 region for purposes of Medical Assistance nursing home reimbursement.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) reimburses nursing homes for services provided to recipients of Medical Assistance (MA), under a formula that includes allowable direct care costs. DHFS must establish standards for payment of allowable direct care costs that are based on direct care costs for all nursing homes in Wisconsin, and adjust the standards to reflect regional labor cost variations. Currently, except for nursing homes in Douglas, Pierce, and St. Croix counties, DHFS makes this adjustment by using the labor region designations under the federal Medicare Program, weighted to MA patient day costs, based on Wisconsin nursing home-specific average wages, excluding county-owned nursing homes. For nursing homes in Douglas, Pierce, and St. Croix counties, however, DHFS must make the adjustment using the Medicare Program hospital wage index.

This bill requires DHFS to treat as one labor region, the counties of Dane, Iowa, Columbia, and Sauk, for purposes of MA nursing home reimbursement.

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For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 49.45 (6m) (ar) 1. a. of the statutes is amended to read:

49.45 (6m) (ar) 1. a. The department shall establish standards for payment of allowable direct care costs under par. (am) 1. bm., for facilities that do not primarily serve the developmentally disabled, that take into account direct care costs for a sample of all of those facilities in this state and separate standards for payment of allowable direct care costs, for facilities that primarily serve the developmentally disabled, that take into account direct care costs for a sample of all of those facilities in this state. The standards shall be adjusted by the department for regional labor cost variations. The department shall treat as a single labor region the counties of Dane, Iowa, Columbia, and Sauk. For facilities in Douglas, Pierce, and St. Croix counties, the department shall perform the adjustment by use of the wage index that is used by the federal department of health and human services for hospital reimbursement under 42 USC 1395 to 1395ggg.

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